

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gladys Irene Mohn was born on August 6, 1905, one of twelve children, in Pennscreek, Pennsylvania; and,

Whereas, Gladys moved to Brinsmade, North Dakota, with her family at the age of six, graduated from Brinsmade High School in 1924, and later taught in rural schools; and,

Whereas, Gladys was united in marriage to Thomas Gordon Blackmore on October 27, 1925, and to this union one daughter, Barbara Marie, was born who blessed Gladys with two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter; and,

Whereas, Thomas and Gladys farmed in the Brinsmade area until they retired and moved to Leeds, North Dakota; the first time Gladys had lived in a house with indoor plumbing; and,

Whereas, Gladys sold her home in Leeds in 1995, and moved to Rapid City, South Dakota, to be near her daughter and son-in-law; she climbs the stairs daily to her third floor apartment; and,

Whereas, Gladys enjoys doing crossword puzzles; watching old westerns; helping her daughter garden, can and freeze apples and other produce; baking her own bread; helping with church rummage sales; giving to her favorite charity, St. Jude's Children's Hospital; and seeing a nice big motorcycle, and maybe taking a ride; and,

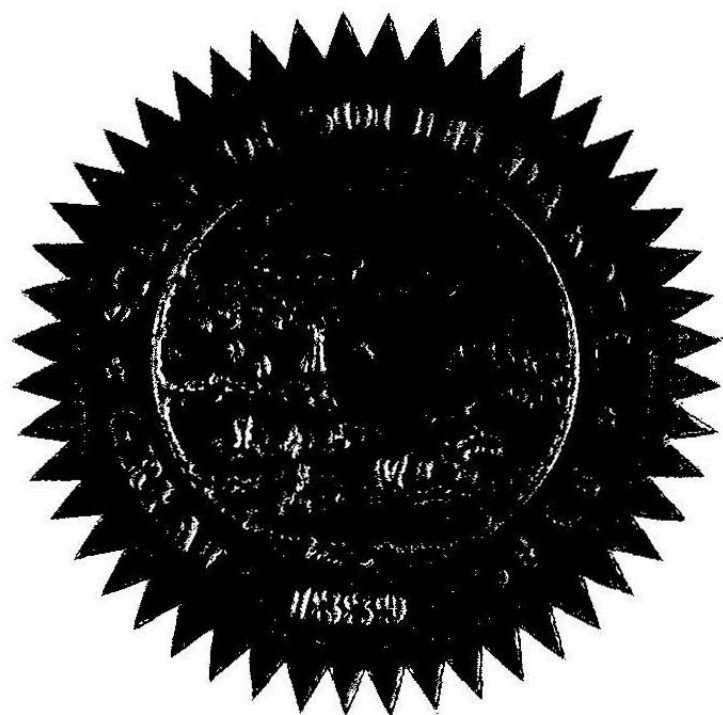
Whereas, Gladys will celebrate her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on August 6, 2005, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

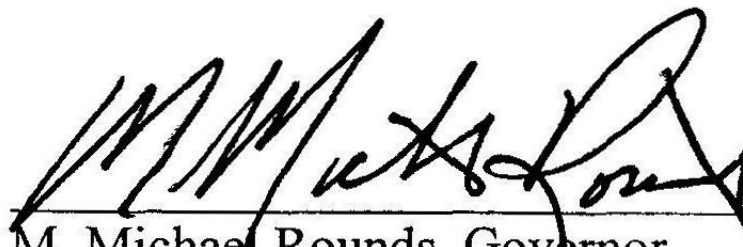
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 6, 2005, as

GLADYS IRENE BLACKMORE DAY


in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State